million tonnes which is considered sufficient to meet the requirements of the next two years of Public Distribution System at the current rate of offtake.

(d) The following is the quantity of Basmati and Non-Basmati rice exported during each of the last three years:—

*Basmati Rice*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Quantity (in tonnes) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 324790 | 80064.42 |
| 1993-94 | 527233 | 106126.81 |
| 1994-95 | 468696 | 85776.04 |
| | *Non-Basmati Rice* | |
| 1992-93 | 255619 | 17495.70 |
| 1993-94 | 240454 | 22544.29 |
| 1994-95 | 422727 | 32345.32 |

It is not possible to estimate at this stage the quantity of rice likely to be exported during 1995-96, as the exports will depend on international demand and prevailing prices.

**Supporting Employment Generating Facilities**

880. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to have sufficient infrastructural facilities "to support employment generation activities" in small and medium towns to arrest the migration of population to major urban towns as reported in the Indian Express dated the 19th July, 1995;

(b) the details of provisions made in the current financial year for increasing/ generating more employment in the country; and

(c) whether any study undertaken to ascertain the impact of economic reforms on these employment problems by any organisation during the last three years, if so, the details and action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Posts filled on Deputation in Consumer Courts**

881. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts that are to be filled on deputation in various consumer courts are published in the Employment News;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the procedure followed by the National Consumer Court in the recruitment of staff as also the procedure followed by the district consumer courts;

(c) how many of the deputationists have completed their prescribed period of tenure and the steps taken to repatriate them;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether over aged people are working in the National Consumer Court; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Ministry does not compile this information.

(b) Vacancies in the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Comission (National Commission) that are to be filled on deputation basis, are notified to all the Ministries of the Government of India, the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, Central Administrative Tribunal etc. for inviting applications from the eligible persons. Vacancies in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Comissions (State Commissions) and

District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora (District Fora) are filled by the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves.

(c) and (d) According to information given by the National Commission, none of the deputationist have completed their prescribed period of tenure. The Ministry does not compile such information in respect of the State Commissions and the District Fora.

(e) and (f) The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 prescribes the age limit of 70 years for the President and the Members of the National Commission.

**Release of Funds for the M.Ps.' Local Area Development Scheme**

882. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the entire funds for the current year under MPs Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details therof, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Consultative Committee of MPs attached to the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation have suggested that the entire funds be released in one instalment;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not releasing the entire funds; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The Government has already released funds at the rate of Rs. 50 lakhs under MPLADS in respect of Lok Sabha MPs (excepting two nominated MPs whose options are awaited). As regards Rajya Sabha MPs released at the rate of Rs. 50 lakhs have already been made in respect of 22 MPs who had exercised their options of choosing a district from the State.

(b) The details are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It was decided by the Government to link the release of the balance amount of Rs. 50 Lakhs per MP to the actual progress of the Expenditure.

(e) The Collectors have been directed to furnish the requisite information regarding upto date expenditure to the Department of Programme Implementation.

**Statement**

*Funds released under MPs Local Area Development Scheme*

*(i) LOK SABHA*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Sl. No. | State | No. of M.Ps. | Amount Released (@ Rs. 50 lakh/MP) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 41 | 2050 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 2 | 100 |
| 3. | Assam | 14 | 700 |
| 4. | Bihar | 54 | 2700 |
| 5. | Goa | 2 | 100 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 26 | 1300 |
| 7. | Haryana | 9 | 450 |